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MAC TO CLOSE RUNWAY FOR RECONSTRUCTION

IMPACTS IN BLOOMINGTON FROM AUGUST TO OCTOBER

THIS SUMMER AND FALL, RESIDENTS living in areas surrounding the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport (MSP) will notice a change in aircraft flight patterns. MSP's south parallel runway, where flights approach and depart over Minneapolis and Eagan, will close for reconstruction for two months, beginning August 13. During the closure, Runway 4/22, the crosswind runway over Bloomington, and Runway 17/35 will be used for additional arrivals and departures. For more information, visit Metropolitan Airports Commission's (MAC) airport noise Web site at www.macnoise.com, or call MAC at 712-725-6455 or Larry Lee, City of Bloomington, at 952-563-8947.

IMPACTS DISCUSSED AT OPEN HOUSE

Residents are encouraged to attend an Open House on **Wednesday, August 8, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.**, in the Council Chambers at Bloomington Civic Plaza, 1800 W. Old Shakopee Road. MAC will discuss how flight patterns are expected to change during the runway closure.



BUILDING COMMUNITY NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

BLOOMINGTON'S 24TH Annual National Night Out celebration will be

held **Tuesday, August 7**. Last year, more than 331 neighborhoods joined forces in an effort to prevent crime. Registration materials will soon be sent to block captains. For more information, call 952-563-8808.

BOOK 'EM ANNUAL USED BOOK SALE

USED BOOKS ARE ON THE MOST WANTED list. Bloomington Crime Prevention Association's 15th Annual Used Book Sale will be held **June 9 - 23**, at 9801 Lyndale Ave. S. Proceeds fund crime and violence prevention initiatives. For information or drop-off locations, call 952-220-2537 or visit www.bcpamn.org. Books will be collected at drop-off locations and onsite during the sale.



SET A TEE TIME AT A CITY GOLF COURSE “ARGUABLY THE BEST GOLF VALUE IN THE STATE”

COME DISCOVER WHY GOLFERS RETURN TIME AND AGAIN TO DWAN GOLF Club and Hyland Greens – two gems in Bloomington.

Hyland Greens, located at Normandale Boulevard and 102nd Street, is meticulously maintained. Patrons rave about the condition of this short course. Hyland offers two nine-hole courses. The long nine takes reservations for tee times seven days in advance; the short nine is first come, first play. Hyland is ideal for family outings, for work on your short game and for beginners, juniors or occasional golfers. Hyland also offers a practice range.

Dwan Golf Club, located at 110th Street and Xerxes Avenue, is an 18-hole, par-68 course. Measuring 5,485 yards, Dwan is a fun, challenging layout. The greens are small and sloped; the fairways are tree lined. Don't let the yardage fool you.

Green fees are Dwan, \$27, and Hyland, \$12. No wonder *Golf Guide of Minnesota* rated Dwan as “arguably the best golf value in the state.” In addition, both golf courses are managed by PGA golf professionals. For more information, call Ali Hassan at 952-563-8868.



PRESERVING BLOOMINGTON'S PAST OLD TOWN HALL UNDER RENOVATION

AN IMPORTANT REMINDER OF Bloomington's rich history stands at the intersection of Penn Avenue and Old Shakopee Road. Old Town Hall, one of the last buildings to remain from Bloomington's historic downtown, is being restored to its original 1892 appearance. The goal of the restoration effort is to maintain Bloomington's past and present identity.

“Historical properties are disappearing,” Bloomington Parks and Recreation Supervisor Mark Morrison said. “Old Town Hall, which represents the history of Bloomington's government, is one of the last old town halls in the Twin Cities' metropolitan area. When the restoration is complete, it will be a visible landmark in this historic part of the city.”

Frerichs Construction Company began the stabilization and rehabilitation of the 115-year-old building in March. Kodet Architecture was hired to ensure that standards for historical preservation were maintained. The \$740,000 exterior restoration project includes replacing asphalt shingles with cedar shakes, removing the stucco and installing wood siding, replacing window frames with replicas of the original arch window frames and installing a reconstructed cupola. Site work will also include a new parking lot, landscaping and construction of an accessible ramp.

In 2004, the City Council approved a reuse study of Old Town Hall. Through meetings, petitions, e-mails and an online survey, Bloomington residents expressed overwhelming support for saving Old Town Hall. The City Council adopted the study's recommendations that included restoration of the building. It was also determined that the best use of the Old

Town Hall would be to continue housing the Bloomington Historical Society. The Society plans a more vital and energetic use of the space.

“The main floor layout will be reorganized and permanent exhibit cases along with rotating exhibit kiosks situated in the center of the gallery will be installed,” Bloomington Historical Society President Vonda Kelly said. “This will enable the building to be used for workshops, receptions, weddings, educational events and various other history-related programs.”

The renovation project is scheduled for completion in early fall. For more information, call Mark Morrison at 952-563-8693.



BE A PART OF HISTORY ENGRAVED BRICKS OFFERED

The Bloomington Historical Society is raising \$140,000 toward the exterior renovation of Old Town Hall. Engraved history bricks for the proposed plaza area are being offered as part of its fundraising efforts. Cost is \$100 for a four-by-eight inch brick and \$175 for an eight-by-eight inch brick. If you would like to make a donation, call 952-881-4327 or visit www.bloomingtonhistoricalsociety.org.

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